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HIDEO TAKIGUCHI )  
Application No.: 09/848,372 )  
Filed: May 4, 2001 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
STORAGE MEDIUM, AND )  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,898,436
- (2) Japan 02-202766
- (3) Japan 11-259630
- (4) Japan 11-355706
- (5) Japan 2000-083221
- (6) Japan 2001-230992
- (7) Japan 2001-313885

(8) Screenshots of ACDSee of ACDsystems (Version 2.3 1998),  
XP-002284101.

(9) Screenshots of Irfanview (Version 3.17, Release date: 22.04.2000),  
XP-002284102.

An English-language abstract for each of the above-listed Japanese documents (2) to (7) have been obtained and are enclosed.

In addition, English-language translations for the Japanese documents (2), (3) and (5) to (7) have been obtained and are enclosed.

Japan 11-259630 was cited during prosecution of a Korean patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the communication from the Korean Patent Office, which is dated June 21, 2004, is also enclosed.

Documents (1), (4), (8) and (9) were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report from the European Office, which is dated July 26, 2004, is also enclosed.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS   |  |  |                                  |                 |                               |          |                                 |
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|   |  | 5,898,436  | 4/27/99                          | Stewart, et al. | 345                           | 354      |                                 |
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|   |  | 02-202766  | 8/10/90                          | Japan           |                               |          | Translation & Abs.              |
|   |  | 11-259630  | 9/24/99                          | Japan           |                               |          | Translation & Abs.              |
|   |  | 11-355706  | 12/24/99                         | Japan           |                               |          | Abstract                        |
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|   |  | 2001-313885  | 11/9/01                          | Japan           |                               |          | Translation & Abs.              |
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|   |  | Screenshots of ACDSee of ACDsystems (Version 2.3 1998), XP-002284101.            |                                  |                 |                               |          |                                 |
|   |  | Screenshots of Irfanview (Version 3.17, Release date: 22.04.2000), XP-002284102. |                                  |                 |                               |          |                                 |
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